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In re Application of:

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For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED TO
CONFORM TO A PREPARED
INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION SPACE

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3:

--The present invention is directed to a major long bone ring implant preferably, but not necessarily, an implant formed from a diaphyseal ring for